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In re the Application of: **FUJISAWA, Chihiro, et al.**

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Examiner: **YUAN, DAH WEI D**

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For: **NICKEL ELECTRODE FOR ALKALINE STORAGE BATTERY
AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURING THE SAME**

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116
- EXPEDITED RESPONSE -

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Commissioner for Patents
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December 1, 2003

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of September 5, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.